

Minutes of the Special School Board Meeting

Of the School Board of Independent School District No. 709 held at the Historic Old Central High School, 215 North First Avenue East, Duluth, Minnesota 55802, on

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Members Present:

Josh Gorham
David Kirby
Rosie Loeffler-Kemp
Jill Lofald
Nora Sandstad
Sally Trnka

Others Present:

Bill Gronseth, Superintendent
Jackie Dolentz, Secretary

Members Absent:

Alanna Oswald

- Chair Kirby called the Special School Board meeting of July 26, 2018 to order at 4:31 p.m.

Public Comments

Loren Martell, 623 East Seventh Street, spoke to the School Board about levy authority.

Superintendent Gronseth presented information to the Board on Operating Levy Referendum History for the Duluth Public Schools.

Member Sandstad presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION

Indicating the Intent to Move Forward with an Operating Levy Referendum in November, 2018

WHEREAS additional funds are needed to realize the mission and community vision for the Duluth Public Schools, and

WHEREAS the current operating levy for Duluth is below the state average, and

WHEREAS the total current operating levy for our district is \$795.78 per pupil unit, and

WHEREAS the current voter approved operating levy of \$371.78 for our district is scheduled to expire in 2018, and

WHEREAS additional funds are needed to create and maintain quality programs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board hereby intends to take future action to place an operating levy referendum on the November, 2018, ballot.

Resolution B-7-18-3576

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M-Sandstad, S-Trnka, to approve Resolution B-7-18-3576 - Indicating the Intent to Move Forward with an Operating Levy Referendum in November, 2018.

Discussion took place regarding this item.

Member Sandstad to call the question.

Upon a vote, the call to question passed – 6-0.

Upon a vote, Resolution B-7-18-3576 - Indicating the Intent to Move Forward with an Operating Levy Referendum in November, 2018, was approved - 6-0.

Member Loeffler-Kemp presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION

Converting Voter Approved Referendum Authority
To A Board Approved Referendum Authority

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. Current Authority. The District has a current voter approved referendum authority that is estimated to be \$371.78 per adjusted pupil unit for fiscal year 2019, after the local option revenue subtraction and after preliminary adjustment by the Minnesota Department of Education in compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.17, as amended.
2. Conversion of Referendum Authority. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.17, subdivision 9a, the Board hereby determines to convert \$300.00 per adjusted pupil unit of its voter approved referendum authority which expires after taxes payable in 2018 to a Board approved referendum authority of approximately \$300.00 per adjusted pupil unit. This authority shall be further adjusted based on final pupil unit data and it is the intention of the Board to convert the maximum authority for which it is eligible, not to exceed \$300 per adjusted pupil unit. This Board approved referendum authority, as adjusted, shall be applicable for 5 years, beginning with taxes payable in 2019. The Board may subsequently reauthorize the Board approved referendum authority in increments of up to five years.
3. The clerk is authorized and directed to submit a copy of the adopted resolution to the Minnesota Department of Education as soon as reasonably practicable after its adoption, but in no event later than September 30, 2018.

Resolution B-7-18-3573

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M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Lofald, to approve Resolution B-7-18-3573 - Converting Voter Approved Referendum Authority To A Board Approved Referendum Authority.

Discussion took place regarding this item.

Upon a vote, the same failed 3-3 as follows:

Yea: Gorham, Loeffler-Kemp, Lofald

Nay: Kirby, Sandstad, Trnka

M-Trnka, S-Gorham, to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the same passed –unanimously.

- Chair Kirby adjourned the Special School Board meeting of July 26, 2018 at 5:42 p.m.